

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Norton Spiel and Robert Dorishook  
TITLE: SEMI-AUTOMATIC PLASTIC SPIRAL BINDING  
MACHINE  
SERIAL NO.: To be assigned  
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GROUP ART UNIT: 3722  
EXAMINER: M. Henderson

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above  
entitled application, please amend the application as  
follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to the following, which  
constitutes a clean copy thereof:

--COIL SPREADER FOR SPIRAL BINDING MACHINES--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

After the title, please insert as follows:

-- This application is a continuation of application  
serial no. 09/460,887 filed December 14, 1999, now U.S.  
Patent No. 6,312,204, which application is a continuation-  
in-part of application serial no. 08/843,754 of April 21,